

DIXIE GOES AHEAD.

XIII.—Smoke in the Making

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TAMPA, Fla., March 23.—If you want some inside information about the cigars you smoke, come to Tampa and make a tour of the local factories. They include some of the largest cigar-making establishments in the United States. This is the home of numerous brands that you can buy in every American city.

One of the most comforting things you will discover is that it does not make much difference, so far as the actual quality of the tobacco is concerned, whether you buy your cigars at two or three for a quarter or pay a dollar apiece. If you can afford ten or fifteen cents you enjoy about as good a smoke as John D. Rockefeller or the King of Spain can buy. For nearly every one of these makers of Havana cigars uses one blend in his whole product. The cigars are selected according to color; they are of many different shapes and sizes, and a few are highly aromatic, such as a pure Yuello Alabio cigar for those who like a very strong smoke, but generally speaking, the same leaf goes into every cigar, and the price is determined by the dollar-a-half straight which is shipped to King Alfonso with his monogram upon the wrapper.

The difference in price is due partly to the difference in size, but, needless to say, a dollar cigar is not eight times as large as the two-for-a-quarter size. Most of the difference in price is caused by the cost of labor, the higher the size and of lighting leaf which is large and perfect enough to serve as a wrapper. The man who rolls a little three-cent cigar is paid less than \$1,000 a thousand, while the supreme artist who turns out the big dollar smokes gets no high as \$200 a thousand for his work. So when you lay down a little extra for a cigar, you are paying most of it for the exceptional skill of some Cuban roller and the rest for the size of the leaf in which he rolled it.

The real dividing line in quality comes between the shade-grown and the Havana tobacco. All fifteen cent cigars, except a few very small ones, are shade-grown, even the mean American tobacco, probably raised in Connecticut. At three for a quarter you cross the line into the Havana class, and as you go up you get bigger cigars and better burning qualities, but much the same leaf.

The best cigars are always on top of the box. This is because they are sorted according to quality, the most symmetrical always being placed in the top layer. These are apt to be better rolled, so that they will smoke more evenly, and to contain a fuller measure of tobacco.

Another matter that will interest you is the sanitary conditions of cigar making. Even

Sanitary Conditions

in the best factories the cigar rollers do not wash their hands before beginning work, and many of them frequently spit on their fingers while rolling the cigars which are put in your mouth. According to all that science knows about the distribution of germs, this ought to make the cigar an ideal carrier of infection. Yet little or no human fault has been traced to them. Here in the factories all the tobacco pieces smoke a freshly rolled product while it is still damp at an amazing rate, and yet not so much as a lip blister is ever found among them.

The tobacco is dried in the sun, it is itself a pretty good disinfectant. Nevertheless, the smoker would like to think he had some more certain protection, and that is now beginning to be provided by the X-ray machine recently installed in each of the machines which sterilizes each box of cigars by passing an X-ray through it. This was not devised to protect the smoker from disease, but the manufacturer can be certain he will be protected from the certain death which lies its upon the tobacco leaf. These are apt to bathe after the leaf has been made into a cigar, when upon the new-born insect from which it comes, and thus dentally ruining a fine smoke. Great loss has at times been caused in this way, and since the X-ray machine has given perfect protection against these insects its use may probably be come general.

A typical Tampa cigar is made of a mixture of Cuban and American tobacco, and after the rolling the leaf is dried in all of the seventy shades and sizes of cigars put out by the company. They are sorted according to color, the principal kinds being Cuban, creole, or cigar leaf, and Colorado and Colorado Maduro, red cigar. Each of these principal shades is divided into numerous others so slightly different that only an expert could distinguish them.

This company has been designated as purveyor to his majesty, the King of Spain. Large assortments go to the world, and the workers here are continually turning out great varieties of sizes and shapes. Nothing is known of King Alfonso's personal preference as he does not care to let anyone know.

The Cubans and Spaniards who have almost a monopoly of the cigar making business here, may not be the most sanitary workers in the world, but they are certainly neatest, and a worth-while idea from their methods for the philosophical Latin knows how to make both pleasant and picturesque. His shop is a jumble room, the paper being pasted over and over again, four hundred men and women are seated at long benches working with extraordinary rapidity. At frequent intervals the workers are tall pottery water jugs with long necks. These are the original and primitive sanitary drinking vessels. When the roller is thirsty he lifts the jug to his lips and lets the water drip into the vessel.

Near the center of the room is seated a portly Spaniard, reading loudly and dramatically from a Spanish romance. He uses plenty of gestures and often worked up over the story so do his hearers. They laugh, hiss and otherwise express their emotions as the story goes forward. When it is over the room is filled with a buzz of comment and criticism. In the morning the reader will read from newspapers and periodicals so that the workers may keep thoroughly posted on what is in the news. The workers themselves pay this reader, each of them contributing a small sum weekly, and are frequently given money as a reward for their efforts. His career as a reader is usually not many years long; however, for he is compelled to shout at the top of his lungs, and when he loses his voice for a time there is no occasional exception. However, one reader here has been holding forth daily for twenty years. The material to be read is prepared by a bureau for the purpose.

The cigar business has working hours all its own. The day's work begins at 6 a.m. and continues until the foreman goes home for breakfast. They come back at 10 and work until 4:30, when they go to supper. Only the workers who eat their coffee are served tea or coffee during the day. Most of the workers are indefatigable smokers. Each of them is allowed three cigars a day, upon which no record is kept but part, but many of them smoke ten or fifteen, and some of them twenty. The foreman of the largest factory here is a short, fat Spaniard, who never smokes a cigar of heroic proportions in his mouth. He lights each one off the last smoke, and is smoking is not altogether for pleasure, in the course of a day

he samples the product of a number of different factories, and after a week is a good worker, making from \$25 to \$30 a week, according to his skill. He has to serve an apprenticeship of four years before he can be a master. He is paid by the piece, and the cigars he is considered a good day's work.

These Spaniards live in West Tampa, where there about 16,000 of them, and in Ybor City, where there are about 15,000. Both of these are typical Spanish towns, with Spanish the language spoken, and the latter includes both workingmen's organizations, with insurance and sick benefits, and the high-class clubs of the owners and managers, many of which are af-

filiated with Cuban organizations. Although the Spaniards and Cubans live pretty much to themselves in their little cities, there are many marriages between Spanish or Cuban girls and boys from the United States. The young are considered attractive, and they have discovered that their Latin compatriots, while very adept at dancing, are not nearly as good in the matrimonial harness as the American youths. Hence, intermarriage proceeds apace, and with apparent satisfaction to both parties.

The war has had no great effect upon

the tobacco business. The European demand has fallen off to some extent, but the ladies of Tampa are able to purchase this linen at 15 cents a yard, and it is in great demand for making dresses.

An important figure in the tobacco business is the revenue collector. One of them is provided for each firm to see that the revenue stamp is duly affixed to every box. The collector carries the keys to the factory, inspects it every morning and looks it over every night, and the proprietor himself may not enter it unless accompanied by the revenue man.

When the cigars have been duly

placed and packed in boxes these are placed in large cartons, which are closed with both cords and straws and carefully sealed. The railroads will not accept them for shipment any other way, so they have to be sent by boat, which is soon ready to leave in transit if there is the slightest opportunity. Every one seems to think he has a right to hold himself to the code. It is one testimonial to the popularity of the good cigar which the manufacturer does not appreciate.

Nelson's last words in the cockpit of the Victoria were "Thank God, I have done my duty."

Ancient Arms and Modern War.

From the Cincinnati Times-Star.

A Rome dispatch, describing an action in the frontier between Italian and Austrian forces, says the Italians pressed the enemy back, leaving in the hands of the victors quantities of "abandoned arms and bucklers for infantry." We are again reminded in this dispatch that modern war has inherited something from the wars of antiquity.

Correspondents at the front frequently have mentioned the use of weapons and means of defense which hark back to ancient times. But so far as recollect-

tion goes, this is the first reference made to the use of the buckler or shield in connection with the present struggle. Shields were originally intended as a defense against swords and spears. Their present use to protect soldiers from machine guns is an interesting development.

During the past eleven months there has been frequent use of appliances of historic age, but modern adaptation. The fire bomb, the grenade, the mine, which explodes fuses, the incendiary bomb for throwing bombs, have all been used in instances have been recorded in which taunting messages have been exchanged by means of the bow and arrow, as was done in scriptural days.

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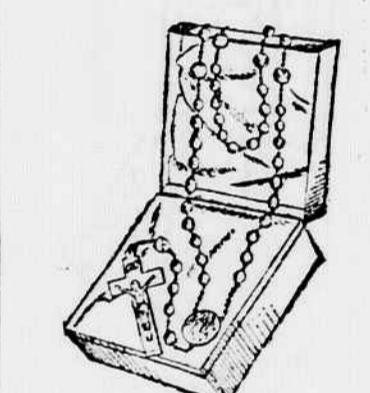
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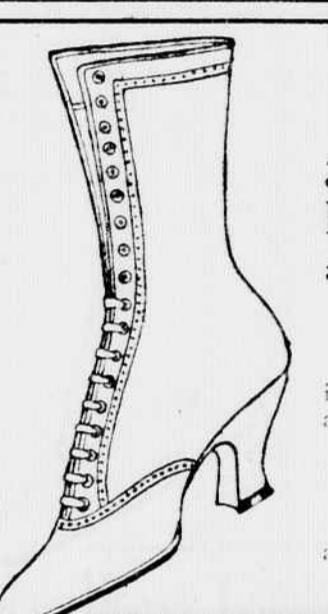
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